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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Accompanying Divisional Application Under
37 CFR 1.53(b):

Prior Application: A. IWAYA et al
Serial No. 09/563,455
Filed: May 3, 2000

Group Art Unit: 2811
Examiner: L. Thai
For: A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 21, 2001

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above application
as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, before the first line, add the paragraph:

a/ This is a divisional application of U.S. Serial
No. 09/563,455 filed May 3, 2000.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-18 without prejudice or disclaimer, and
add new claims 19-20, as follows: